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MONDAY, January 29 ---- Toots Shor's, 51 West 51st Street

Meeting begins at 8:00 P.M. SHARP

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Bar service available to Members and Guests from 7:30 PM

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OPC SEMI-ANNUAL BUSINESS SESSION

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At this vitally important Overseas Press Club membership meeting, the Committee for Revision of the Constitution will present -- for discussion and possible adoption -- a carefully-planned draft of a new OPC Constitution. Here is not only an opportunity to witness the Club's democracy in action, but a chance to debate and possibly approve a new instrument under which the Overseas Press Club may conduct its far-flung affairs for years to come.

Guests are welcome at the meeting. But only Active Members are authorized, under the Constitution, to vote on business brought before the membership. A special bar will be open to provide nourishment for parched-throated orators. Please make every effort to attend this meeting.

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C O C K T A I L P A R T Y

THURSDAY, February 1 --- Clubrooms, 1475 Broadway

5:30 to 7:30 P.M. -- Members and Guests: FREE

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WELCOME HOME RECEPTION FOR

RICHARD J. H. JOHNSTON
New York Times War Correspondent

and

HARRISON FORMAN
Correspondent
for North American Newspaper Alliance

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These two veteran reporters -- JOHNSTON, just back from Korea, and FORMAN, returned from Malaya, Indonesia, Burma, Siam and Indo-China -- will say a few words on their observations in the Far Eastern war areas. Also, this party will be another opportunity to welcome other returning Members and enjoy the Club's convivial fellowship.

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OFFICIAL NOTICES

Admissions Committee Meeting Clubrooms Wednesday, January 31, 5:45 P.M.

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NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS :

Active:

Madeline D. Ross, Child Study Association of America. England, Germany, Austria, June 1945 to December 1946, as Information Officer for UNRRA. Proposed by LAWRENCE G. BLOCHMAN; seconded by GERALDINE SARTAIN.

Charles K. Kinsolving, Newsweek Magazine. Brazil, 1923 to 1924, as Sao Paulo bureau chief for United Press. Proposed by TOM MALLEY; seconded by EDWIN D. DOWELL.

Associate:

Ben Grauer, National Broadcasting Company, Guatemala, August 1945; Austria, Germany, England, September and October, 1946; Mexico, March 1947; Brazil, May and June, 1947; Japan, September and October, 1947; France, Italy, Israel, Germany, September and October, 1948; Central America, March, 1949; France, Italy, Germany, Switzerland, September, 1950; all for the National Broadcasting Company. Proposed by HENRY CASSIDY; seconded by H. V. KALTENBORN.

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ROUNDTABLE TO HEAR MacARTHUR OFFICER DISCUSS CENSORSHIP

Special Meeting Called for Friday;
Col. Echols Accepts OPC Bid
To Present Official View

Col. Marion P. Echols, public information officer for General MacArthur's Far East Command, will discuss the controversial military censorship situation at a special Roundtable meeting at the Clubrooms on Friday, January 26, at 5:30 PM. Postcards were sent to Members early this week notifying them that Colonel Echols, now in the U.S. to confer on public relations problems with Defense Department officials, had accepted the Club's invitation to speak.

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Full coverage of the talk, which is expected to throw new light on reasons why rigid clamps have been placed on news from Korea and Tokyo, will appear in the next issue of The Bulletin. Last week in Washington Colonel Echols told Editor & Publisher that "censorship was brought about by the vying for news between the various news agencies," adding, "please note I said news agencies, not wire services." He did not name the agencies, except to say the regulations were imposed "mostly" because of dispatches written by KEYES BEECH of the Chicago Daily News. BEECH's stories appear, as well, in newspapers subscribing to the Chicago Daily News Foreign Service.

Meanwhile in Tokyo, where correspondents formed a fact-finding committee to gather information and discuss censorship with Army officials, General MacArthur personally entered the debate. In a cable to Editor & Publisher, he attacked an E&P editorial as "misinformed" and said he had imposed censorship because of an "almost united demand" from the press. (The Overseas Press Club's Board of Governors on September 12 cabled General MacArthur, urging "full security control of news material by the armed forces in any active combat theater.") General MacArthur's cable, however, dealt only with the principle of censorship and not with its criticized practice by officers in the field or in Tokyo.

WHO'S WHO COMMITTEE REPORTS CLIENTS MAY STILL ADVERTISE IN FORTHCOMING CLUB ROSTER

Chairman of the Who's Who Committee JOHN ELLIOTT this week announced that space is still available in the Overseas Press Club's forthcoming "Who's Who in Foreign Correspondence" for selected advertisers. The second edition of the OPC's distinguished directory of American foreign correspondents, ELLIOTT said, is rapidly being whipped into shape. And editing of the mass of biographical material, he said, is nearing completion.

"Although response to our advertising solicitations has been encouraging," ELLIOTT continued, "we are still able to offer preferred space and treatment to selected new advertisers." He emphasized that the Club's "Who's Who" is the only such directory published in the world. As such, it has proved an invaluable reference book for publishers, potential employers, research organizations, industrialists, advertising agencies, public relations counsel and others.

Persons interested in advertising in the OPC's second edition of "Who's Who in Foreign Correspondence" should contact Executive Secretary Janice Griffiths at OPC Headquarters, 1475 Broadway, Longacre 4-0174.

Commentator RICHARD THOMAS recently participated, with European memory wizard Dr. Bruno Furst, in a demonstration of scriptless newscasting. Using a system taught him by Dr. Furst, THOMAS presented an up-to-the-minute newscast without script, notes or blackboard. Later, he was subjected to questioning by members of the audience who had scripts, but they were unable to trip him. Dr. Furst suggested the memory method is "likely to outmode sight-reading techniques currently employed by many television announcers."

EDWARD R. MURROW this week was named "best news commentator" in the annual poll of American newspaper and magazine radio editors and columnists, conducted by Motion Picture Daily. But that's not all! A Saturday Review of Literature poll completed last week found the CBS commentator in first place as favorite analyst of subscribers, topping seven other ranking radio newsmen....

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ABC's PAULINE FREDERICK lectures in the Town Hall Series at Winter Park, Fla., on February 10 on "Is the UN a Delusion?"...Speaking of ABC, DONALD G. COE is new Director of Special Events for the network...A plaque for "distinguished achievements in the profession of journalism" was presented WALTER LIPPMANN, New York Herald Tribune columnist, by Sigma Delta Chi at a dinner in Washington January 23. Initiated into the Washington chapter of the professional journalism fraternity, at the same meeting, were EDWARD W. BARRETT, Assistant Secretary of State for public affairs and MORGAN BEATTY, National Broadcasting Company news commentator.

QUENTIN REYNOLDS and MARGARET BOURKE-WHITE guested January 22 on NBC's "Who Said That?" television show...New associate editor and book columnist for Argosy is MERLE MILLER....On February 2, BILL COSTELLO, CBS Far Eastern news chief, takes leave of absence from his regular CBS broadcasting duties to begin a two-month, coast-to-coast lecture tour that will take him from New York's Town Hall to the Palm Beach (Cal.) Roundtable. His topic: the Far Eastern situation...

EDITOR CHARGES U.S. FOREIGN COVERAGE IS "WOEFULLY INADEQUATE"

"Disappearing Correspondents" Abroad Number
Less Than 300, Russell Anderson Finds
In First Global Survey Made

"Woefully inadequate. That, in two words, sums up the status of our global coverage". Thus does RUSSELL F. ANDERSON, editor of McGraw-Hill's World News and a veteran newsman, view the present state of global news-gathering in a startling article, "The Disappearing Foreign Correspondent", in the recently-published December issue of Michigan's University's Quarterly Review. "Five years ago there were 2,700 U.S. foreign correspondents", ANDERSON writes. "Today there are less than 300."

Basing his article on a survey of the 70 newsmen in his own network, foreign editors of top American publications, news agencies and radio companies as well as 500 Overseas Press Club Members to whom he sent questionnaires, ANDERSON castigates the inadequacy of the nation's present coverage of foreign countries as "unrealistic" and "dangerous". "Only five countries in the entire world -- Britain, France, Italy, Germany and Japan -- come anywhere near being fully staffed on a regular basis. The rest of the world is only sketchily covered," he points out.

"Many countries have no U.S. correspondents at all. Some, Sweden and South Africa, for example, were found to have only one full-time American newsman each. And in Russia, where our coverage needs are of paramount importance, we have only five correspondents. Latin-American coverage is in a deplorable state. The same holds true in Africa, Southeast Asia, and Scandinavia."

At the present time, ANDERSON's survey disclosed, only 293 full-time American correspondents are on duty abroad. Of these 293, ANDERSON says, "a goodly number do not have the economic background, the foreign-language fluency, or historical perspective to do a good interpretive job".

ANDERSON's article also charges the meagre distribution of qualified foreign correspondents is responsible for high-level errors in Washington. "Desperate improvisations in American foreign policy when such events (as the Korean war) occur," ANDERSON writes, "underscore the fact that, in the main, key figures in government draw heavily from press reports in formulating their judgments. The sometimes unrealistic moves by the U.S. State Department, and foolish policy demands from the floor of Congress, are the telltale tip-offs as to just how important our foreign press coverage is in formulating official government opinion. With this realization, one begins to understand the dangers involved in depending on less than three hundred foreign correspondents to report intelligently what is going on in the world."

A complete summary of ANDERSON's article is impossible to present in The Bulletin's limited space. Reprints of the Quarterly Review piece, however, may be secured by writing to RUSSELL F. ANDERSON, Editor, McGraw-Hill World News, 330 West 42nd Street, New York 18, N.Y.

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CHARLES and EUGENE JONES, NBC's twin-brother cameraman team, took off from Westover Field for Frankfurt January 23 for a three-and-half month newsreeling tour of Europe....Already in Frankfurt is PERCY KNAUTH, representing Life, who left December 30....GERALDINE FITCH has a new grandson, born in Calcutta, India, to the Albert Fitches....

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SHIFTS AND SLOTS: Newly appointed Deputy Director of Public Information with the Economic Stabilization Agency is WILLIAM P. REED, who left for Washington last week to assume the post....DANIEL G. VAN ACKER has been named editor of the Export Advertising Association Bulletin....

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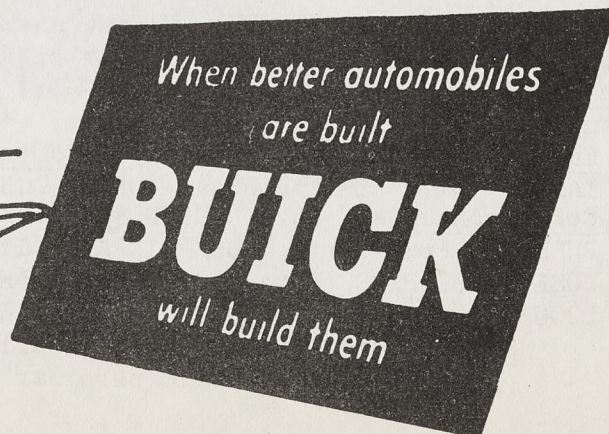
VIENNA DATELINE: (Special to The Bulletin) -- Recent death of Austrian President Karl Renner and the subsequent political excitement supplied a brief news lift to this quiet capitol....Simon Bourgin of Time-Life vacationed in the U.S. over the Christmas and New Year's holidays, with your correspondent sitting in for the Luce

papers meanwhile...American Press Club staged a successful New Year's Eve party with plenty of music, champagne and ham and eggs....Gaston Coblentz of the New York Herald Tribune in from Belgrade for a quick Austrian once-over...RICHARD MOWRER's mother here for a visit....Judy Friedberg, Time reporter from the NY office, dropped in after stays in Rome and Yugoslavia...

Likewise, George Weiler of the Chicago Daily News....Joe Rabinowitz of Stars & Stripes copy desk in Darmstadt came to Vienna for his vacation. The Joseph (New Yorker) Wechsbergs here from their Merano headquarters for the New Year's festivities. Joe heads for Bonn in late January....William Harlan Hale, USIS chief of press and radio has returned from State-side bringing his family....Correspondents invited to accompany U.S. High Commissioner Donnelly on a three-day train tour of the U.S. zone....Capt. Vernon Pizer, long-time deputy PIO of U.S. Forces in Austria and a mag writer himself, transferred back to the States.-- (JOSEF ISRAELS II).

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TOKYO DATELINE: -- (Special to The Bulletin) -- IRVING LEVINE, who recently switched from INS to NBC in the Far East, left on January 13 on a special junket to Hong Kong, Formosa, Indo-China, Bangkok, Singapore and Netherlands East Indies -- armed with tape recorder and camera for NBC radio and TV....GEORGE THOMAS FOLSTER, NBC chief in the Far East, reports that John Rich, another ex-INS man here, is now covering Korea for the network...That makes nine accredited correspondents for NBC in the Far East....

Joseph Fromm, representing U.S. News & World Report, left on January 15 for Hong Kong and Formosa...Tom Lambert, recently of AP, has transferred to the Time-Life staff here...Arrivals in Tokyo from Stateside on January 13 and 14 are Richard Applegate and Frank Tremaine for UP, George A. Barrett for the New York Times, and Frank Conniff for INS....Marguerite Higgins, New York Herald Tribune, now in Formosa, as is Frank Robertson for the Christian Science Monitor....James G. Robinson, Bangkok Tribune, arrived this past week.--(JACOBUS TenBERGE).

ROME DATELINE: -- (Special to The Bulletin) -- THOMAS B. MORGAN, newsman and author, hopes to be back home in February after a very active year in Rome. MORGAN is collaborating on a book with Enrico Josi, Pontifical archeologist, describing excavations in Vatican City. Entitled "Tomb of Peter", it will be published by David McKay & Co., and will probably answer the controversial question as to whose bones were found there....

Besides working on the book, MORGAN has been active here as public relations director for the Catholic Travel League and has completed a series of recordings for New York Station WOV. Also he recently returned from a trip to Yugoslavia where he acquired some good stories to tell when he gets back....

JACK BEGON, NBC correspondent here and publisher of the Rome Daily American, is hoping he won't have to spend three and a half months in an Italian jail after all. His lawyers are appealing this sentence of a lower court, after he was found guilty of "outraging public morals" because his firm attempted to distribute Esquire's 1951 calendar in the mag's January issue....

Recent visitors to Rome, in connection with Eisenhower's trip, included Past President W. W. CHAPLIN of NBC and PRESTON GROVER, bureau head for AP in Paris....Following JACK BIRNS out of Rome is George Jones, Time-Life bureau chief, who moves to London after a Stateside vacation. Jones will be succeeded by TOM DOZIER who comes from Latin-American posts...Reynolds Packard left this week for a visit in New York...MORT BELSHAW, Rome AP photo editor, back in town after a trip to Paris...Active in the 1951 elections of the Foreign Press Club of Rome are Barrett McGurn, New York Herald Tribune correspondent and Norman J. Montellier, UP bureau chief. McGurn is the American member of the current council, and Montellier is chairman of the nominating committee. -- (JOSEPH ROSAPEPE).

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Copies of the American Calendar put out annually by Anthony S. Mariano, copy editor and book reviewer for the Chicago Daily News, have arrived at OPC Headquarters. Profusely illustrated with photographs and providing space for engagements and notations, a copy of the Calendar may be had by applying to the Clubrooms....

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